(c) Next main issue of Telephone Directory is expected in 1994 for both Delhi and Bombay.

Statement

	DELHI	BOMBAY
English Main	1986	1986
	1988	1988
	1989	1992
	1992	
Supplementary (English)	1987	1986
	1988	1988
	1990	1989
		1991
Hindi Main	1988	1988
	1991	1990
Supplementary (Hindi)	..	1991

Telecom Staffs View on liberalistion of D OT

2538. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Hindustan Times' of 31st July, 1993 (page 14) caption "Telecom staff not against liberalisation" but against the outright sale of the department and appointment of non-technical man to head the Telecom Commission and non formulation by Government so far of National Telecom Policy;

(b) whether Government have received any Joint Memo from the ITSA (The Indian Telecom Service Association) National Federation of Telecom Employees, the Federation of National Telecom Organisations and the Bharatiya Telecom Employees Federation with regard to (a) above; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken so far for reorganisation of the Telecom Department with a view to improve its quality of service and particularly ITSA's demand for appointment of such a person at its head who has a deep/thorough knowledge of advanced telecommunication technology which was changing at very rapid rate instead of appointing an IAS non-technical man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As rgards the need to improve the quality of service and attend to matters relating to rapid)change in technology, the Government is fully seized of the need for the re-organisation of the telecommunications Department, keeping in view amongst other things, the recommendations of the Athreya Committee as also the Committee appointed for suggesting amendments to the Indian Telegraphs Act. As regards appointment of Chairman Telecom Commission Government has acted fully within the terms of the Government of India's

Resolution dated 6th April, 1989 relating to the Constitution of Telecom Commission.

Electronic computerised system in the country

2539. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecommunication system in India has been fully changed over to Electronic Computerised System;

(b) if not, by when it is proposed to be completed;

(c) whether Government are aware that wrong Telephone metering is creating have to subscribers;

(d) whether Government will derive ways and means of detecting misuse of phones by unauthorised persons by adopting surreptitious methods of technical know how;

(e) whether the Government has detected any case work under this category, if so, what action has been taken to have a foolproof system of non-pilfirage by unauthorised persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Around 2000 A.D.

(c) There are complaints about excess metering and these are dealt with as per well laid down procedures and wherever justified rebates are granted to subscribers. However, the number of complaints about excess metering constitute only about 0.5 per cent to 2 per cent of the bills issued in different units.

(d) and (e) Misuse of phones by unauthorised persons are detected through surprise inspections by Special Vigilance Squads.

Some cases of such unauthorised use have been detected and these are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act. A more secure system of non-pilferage by unauthorised persons is provided by the Dynamic STD lock out facility which is available in E-10B type, C-DOT type (SBM) electronic exchanges. In places where both electro-mechanical and electronic exchanges are working, as far as possible, subscribers who use STD service are provided with connections from electronic exchanges, if technically fessible.

Ttlecom facilities in Panchayats of Andhra Pradesh

2540. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide 54,000 Panchayats with Telecommunication facilities during the year 1993-94;

(b) what is the number of Panchayats have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for provisions of such facilities in 1993-94 and

(c) details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Government have proposed to provide 46,820 (not 54,000) Panchayat Villages with telephone facility during the year 1993-94.

(b) and (c) (i) 3,600 Panchayat Villages in Andhra Pradesh are proposed to be provided with telephone facility during the year 1993-94.

(ii) The selection of Panchayat Villages will inter-alia depend upon technical feasibility.